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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Plans and Programs Staff, OL

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Chief, Supply Division, OL

SUBJECT: Review of S.2236, An Act to Combat International Terrorism

1. (C) We have reviewed the subject proposed act and our comments follow. We assume that this act applies to the U.S. Government, including the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Department of Defense (DOD)

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b. This act will dilute Agency attempts to deny involvement in PM activities because of requirement for identification and detection taggants.

c. It will prohibit the transport and exportation of Agency and DOD stocks after a 2 - 3 year period, or require the modification of all existing stocks which is considered impractical.

2. (C) This act does not clearly define explosives. We believe the intent is to apply taggants only to common explosive compounds found in configurations such as blocks, stick, powder form and grains but not to include explosives encased in mediums such as land mines, grenades, mortar rounds, artillery shells, et cetera. If these articles are included, this act may have an effect on our foreign explosive ammunition in our contingency stockpiles.

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NOTE FOR: Deputy Chief, Plans & Programs Staff, OL

FROM:   
Executive Officer, OL

Dick:

Please put the following on the routing sheet when you forward Supply Division's comments on the Act to Combat International Terrorism:

"Attached are OL comments relative to ordnance, storage, and transportation problems which might be caused by the Explosive Taggants provision in the proposed Senate Bill -- An Act to Combat International Terrorism. It is suggested that you may want to solicit comments from SOG with regard to the impact that this bill might have on special operations.

It is hoped that the Senate staffers could prepare a list of specific questions of interest with regard to the effect on CIA of this proposed act. Absenting specific questions, OL will be happy to nominate a representative to discuss shipping and storage impact. It is suggested that an SOG representative address the Agency's position relative to operational utilization and deployment.

A copy of this note, the attached OL comments, and the draft act have been forwarded to SOG."

*Thanks,*

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